[Mr. I. C. Chacko.]

(*d*) Full amounts allotted could not be spent as several works were not taken up due to delay in acquisition of lands and to the short working period available for carrying out irrigation works after going through the formalities required according to the Irrigation Act.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether there is a sum remaining unspent for the year 1117?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: I claim notice.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara cum Trivandrum*): May I know whether the schemes which the Government had in contemplation for the years 1117 and 1118 have now been completed?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: They are in various stages of progress.

Encroachments on Irrigation canals.

47. *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that encroachments on irrigation canals and reservoirs have seriously handicapped paddy cultivation in Tiruvalla taluk; and

(*b*) whether they will take measures for the immediate restoration of such porambokes in the interests of efficient cultivation of paddy, and sanction additional revenue staff in view of the urgency of the need?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No serious handicap to paddy cultivation due to encroachment has been felt.

(*b*) Steps are being taken for the restoration of porambokes as and when encroachments are detected. The necessity for additional staff for attending to this item of work has not been felt so far.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether any steps have been taken to know the extent or the seriousness of the handicap caused?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Secretary to Government*): Poramboke cases are being taken against encroachers not merely on irrigation channels but on all kinds of sirkar lands and eviction is being effected as expeditiously as possible, in due course of law.

Tiruvalla Market Canal.

48. *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the construction of Tiruvalla Market Canal commenced;

(*b*) the amount of money so far expended on it;

(*c*) the extent of work done so far;

(*d*) why the canal has not yet been completed; and

(*e*) whether the Government are aware that more deepening and widening of the canal are necessary to make it navigable?

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MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) Kanni 1096.
(*b*) Rs. 27,775.
(*c*) The work has been completed.
(*d*) It does not arise in view of the answer to (*c*),
(*e*) No.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : May I know whether the Government are aware that the canal is not navigable at the present time ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : No, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : May I know whether all the stages of work on this canal have been finished ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : According to the sanctioned estimate, the whole work has been completed over twelve years ago.

Kuttapuzha Canal.

49. *MR. K. A. MATHEW : Will the Government be pleased to state:
(*a*) when the first representation for the construction of Kuttapuzha (കുറ്റപ്പുഴ) Canal, Tiruvalla taluk was made ;
(*b*) the year when the work was started ;
(*c*) the extent of work so far done ;
(*d*) what portion is left unfinished ;
(*e*) the reasons for not completing it ; and
(*f*) whether Government will see to its immediate completion ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) In 1088.
(*b*) 1110 M. E./1935 A. D.
(*c*) Raising Tiruvalla-Kozhencherry road and cutting the canal from Kattode to Kuttapuzha high cutting (3¼ miles) and portion lower down.
(*d*) Constructing a combined sluice drop below Kuttapuzha, constructing masonry drops, cross drains and cross bars.
(*e*) Sluice regulators are not procurable and the cost of labour and materials is very high.
(*f*) The work will be completed after the regulators become available.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : May I know whether honourable member is aware that only the first stage has been completed ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : No, Sir.

Road from Parassala to Panachammoodu.

50. * MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the date on which the road from Parassala to Panachammoodu was last metalled ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The first three miles of the road were metalled in 1106, and the worst portions in the remaining miles are being metalled now.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI ; May I know from the honourable member whether the road is now fit for motor traffic ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : Yes, Sir.

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